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- 1. THE FEBRUARY 24 "BANGKOK POST," AMONG OTHER PUBLICATIONS, REPORTED THE SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW RECENTLY INTERVIEWED FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN ISSARANGKUN NO AYUTHAYA. THE POST PARAPHRASED CHARUNPHAN AS SAYING THAT PRIOR PERMISSION MUST NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE THAI GOVERNMENT IF THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO ORDER THAI-BASED JETS INTO ACTION IN INDOCHINA.
- 2. A KEY MFA OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEW CONTENDED THAT THE MINISTER HAD ACTUALLY SAID THAT, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, THE BASES BELONG TO THIVLAND. THAILAND RESERVED THE RIGHTS TO THESE BASES, INCLUDING THEIR USE. THE U.S. WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS WITH THAILAND BEFORE RENEWED BOMBING IN INDOCHINA.
- 3. COMMENT: THERE IS AN OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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PERMISSION AND CONSULTATIONS. THE NEXT SOCIAL SCIENIE REVIEW,

WHICH MAY CARRY THE CHARUNPHAN INTERVIEW TEXT, IS NOT DUE OUT UNTIL MARCH. THE PRESS STORIES WERE PROBABLQJINSPIRED BY LEAKS FROM LEFTIST SOCIAL SCIENCE REVIEW STAFFERS WHO WERE INTERESTED IN FOCUSSIFA ATTENTION ON RTG RESPONSIBILITY FOR USAF ACTIVITIES FROM THAI BASES, AND THUS PERHAPS LIMITING OUR OPTIONS.
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